

# MARYLAND

## Military Department



## 2010 Annual Report



**MARYLAND**

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

Anthony G. Brown  
Lt. Governor



**Major General  
James A. Adkins**  
The Adjutant General



**Command Sergeant Major  
Brian S. Sann**  
Senior Enlisted Leader

## OUR MISSION

The Maryland Military Department will staff, train, equip and deploy its National Guard units in support of federal and state missions as directed by the president of the United States and the governor of Maryland. The Department's citizen-Soldiers and Airmen, emergency management professionals, civilian staff and volunteer forces will coordinate and support state responses to any major emergency or disaster, support local governments, coordinate assistance from the federal government, and respond to requests for assistance from other states. Finally, the department will be one of the leading state agencies in caring for Maryland's servicemembers and their families, particularly during and after periods of mobilization in support of state and/or federal missions.

## A VISION OF EXCELLENCE

### READY TO SERVE STATE AND NATION

The Maryland Military Department will further position itself as a ready and relevant organization, answering all calls for service – be they from the governor or the president. In so doing, we will preserve our rich history and proud tradition of service to the citizens of the state of Maryland and the United States of America.

### CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

The Maryland Military Department will ensure that our military and civilian leaders appreciate and value our collective obligation to take care of our most valued assets – our citizen-Soldiers and Airmen, civilian staff, and emergency management professionals and their families – who collectively form the backbone of the Maryland Military Department. Together, we will work as a team to enhance both readiness and quality of life for all who proudly serve our state and nation.

### VALUES FOR LEADERS AND MEMBERS

Effective communications up and down the chain of command and throughout the organization will be the keystone to our success in developing leaders with integrity, competence and moral courage at all levels. We will be open and fair while providing opportunities for all to serve and succeed.

### RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS TO ALL

We will uphold our commitment to be good stewards of the environment and the resources provided to us by the federal government and the state of Maryland. Whenever possible, we will look to both the public and private sectors to apply best practices for the benefit of all our stakeholders.



The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Governor, State of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley:

I am pleased to submit the Maryland Military Department's fiscal year 2010 annual report which incorporates accomplishments of the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and Maryland Defense Force.

The department continues to successfully support the state of Maryland through a number of vibrant programs including the coordination of state resources by MEMA and the Maryland National Guard in tackling the record-breaking severe winter storms of February 2010 that impacted the entire Mid-Atlantic region. Your emergency declaration activated approximately 700 men and women of the Maryland National Guard to state active duty. The Guard deployed to assist state and local authorities by rescuing stranded motorists, transferring severely injured patients to medical treatment facilities and transporting first responder personnel and critical supplies, such as road salt, to emergency sites around the state. One of our teams even helped deliver a baby.

The department conducted a joint multi-day homeland defense training exercise called Exercise Vigilant Guard. The exercise was a mass-casualty scenario which involved local first responders and multi-state participants. The exercise involved more than 2,000 participants.

Other support to our state includes the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard which provided military honors for more than 2,850 veterans at state veteran's cemeteries and numerous private cemeteries during calendar year 2010. The past year also was marked by our department's continued successful accomplishment of our federal and state missions including the deployment of the Maryland Air National Guard in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The MDARNG's Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit also deployed in support of Operation New Dawn, and the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade will soon follow.

The department also oversaw the Freestate Challenge Academy which graduated 170 high school dropouts this year from its 22-week in residence program based at Aberdeen Proving Ground. This unique program intervenes in and reclaims the lives of at-risk youth to produce graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline needed to succeed as adults.

The Maryland Military Department remains a solid contributor to the economic strength of Maryland as our fiscal impact totaled \$353.8 million. The department's ratio of federal dollars spent in Maryland for each state dollar invested is nearly 25 to 1. We continue to provide employment and education opportunities to Marylanders while providing our citizens an opportunity to serve their state and nation.

Governor O'Malley, the Maryland Military Department remains a "relevant and ready" force, prepared to serve the needs of our state and nation as we continue to write a new chapter in our long and distinguished history. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

JAMES A. ADKINS  
Major General, MDARNG  
The Adjutant General



# PRIORITIES FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

**THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE ORGANIZATIONS IN MARYLAND GOVERNMENT. IT IS THE ONLY DEPARTMENT THAT IS COMPOSED OF STATE EMPLOYEES, FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND UNPAID VOLUNTEERS. THE BULK OF ITS FUNDING COMES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE MISSIONS THAT THEY ARE ASSIGNED AND ACCOMPLISH ARE LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IN SCOPE. MANY OF THESE MISSIONS PLACE THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN HARM'S WAY.**

## Additional C-27J Aircraft for the Maryland Air National Guard

As a result of the most recent Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) recommendation, which is now law, the Maryland Air National Guard is in the process of turning in all eight of their C-130J aircraft in FY 2011. The Maryland Military Department is facilitating the transition to a new aircraft, the Joint Cargo Aircraft, the C-27J. However, Maryland is only scheduled to get four of these airplanes, half the number of cargo aircraft previously assigned. Maryland Air National Guard crews are undergoing training for the new aircraft, the first of which is scheduled to arrive in FY 2011. Due to the requirements for deployment, maintenance and training, four aircraft will be inadequate to perform all missions effectively and may limit available aircraft for support to disasters here in Maryland. With only four aircraft, this would limit our number of training sorties and would result in difficulty in maintaining mission-ready crews.



*The C-27J Spartan military medium tactical airlifter has a maximum payload of over 25,000 lbs. that can be configured for any mission: troops, medevac, airdrop or cargo.*

## Taking Care of People

The appropriate resourcing of essential programs that support personal resilience before, during and after deployment, family readiness, employment assistance and education assistance is critical to our success on and off the battlefield. In this era of budget restraints and economic downturn, the Maryland Military Department will not lose sight of the well-being of our most important resource-our people. We will continue to strengthen our members not only from a readiness standpoint, but from a whole person perspective taking into account the deployment cycle, employment and education and, most importantly, families.

As a nation at war, we are constantly in a deployment cycle. This intermittent disruption of our members' lives can take a toll on all aspects of daily life. Understanding this, the Military Department provides first-rate assistance to servicemembers and their families, through the Yellow Ribbon Program, that takes place immediately preceding, during and after a deployment. This training gives servicemembers and their families access to services to support their physical and mental health and well-being.

We also understand that the deployment cycle can affect

Soldiers and Airmen in the workplace and civilian education environments. To help in those situations, the MDNG's Education Services Office has a wide range of programs designed to help Guard members pay for higher education and to help them find gainful employment if needed. Through recent partnerships with employers, the state of Maryland and a variety Maryland colleges and universities, our members are in a better



*The Maryland Army National Guard hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony in October for the new Olney readiness center (armory) for the 224th Area Support Medical Company.*

position than ever to succeed in today's ever-changing, and increasingly competitive, economic climate.

Above all, we are committed to ensuring our families remain as supportive and dedicated as they have always been. Our Family Readiness Program sponsors summer camps for military children, Strong Bonds marriage enrichment seminars for couples and single Guard members, and many other ongoing programs to assist families as they move through the constant deployment cycle.

## New Operations and Training Facility for the Air National Guard

This project will be built on federal property, and as a result, it will be 100 percent federally funded. The Operations and Training Facility of the 175th Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard is currently housed in a 1960s vintage building that was constructed on the very edge of Warfield Air National Guard Base's controlled perimeter. Besides the security concerns, the current facility has a leaking roof, is energy inefficient, has an



inadequate electrical system, has no fire suppression system, requires extensive maintenance, and is poorly configured for current missions. The proposed new facility will house the 175th Wing's Mission Support Group and Medical Group and will support the operations of a combined Air Wing. The project is expected to cost approximately \$11.4 million and is programmed for this year. The construction of this facility will dramatically improve the readiness



of the Wing and its support units as well as improve the morale and retention of the Airmen based there.

## Command Sgt. Maj. Jerome. M. Grollman (Dundalk) Readiness Center Renovation

This construction project is currently scheduled to begin this year. It is part of the military construction program with a shared cost of \$16 million federal and \$5.3 million state for a total of \$21.3 million. The Dundalk Readiness Center, which was built in 1960, is in dire need of repair. The facility, which is home to more than 300 Soldiers, has a leaking roof, an inadequate electrical system, insufficient ventilation, insufficient parking, deteriorating classrooms and an inadequate kitchen. The renovation of this aging facility will dramatically improve the readiness of the unit as well as improve morale and retention of the Soldiers based there.

## Brig. Gen. (MD) Louis G. Smith Readiness Center (Easton) Renovation

This project will be 100 percent federally funded at a cost of \$13.8 million and is part of Army transformation. Transformation is the United States Army's plan of modernization and integration of new concepts, organizations, and technology within the armed forces of the United States. The Easton Readiness Center, which was built in 1974, is in dire need of repair. The facility, which is home to approximately 100 Soldiers, has no facilities for female Soldiers, an inadequate administrative area, inadequate storage areas, inadequate training areas, and inadequate classrooms. The renovation of this aging facility will dramatically improve the readiness of the unit as well as improve morale and retention of the Soldiers based there.

## MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CAPABILITIES

The Maryland National Guard is committed to providing ten core capabilities for homeland readiness.

- ★ Aviation/Airlift
- ★ Command and Control
- ★ Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high-yield Explosives (CBRNE) response
- ★ Engineering
- ★ Medical
- ★ Communications
- ★ Transportation
- ★ Security
- ★ Logistics
- ★ Maintenance

The governor can count on National Guard assets to be available to him within the first hours of a domestic incident.





FISCAL  
IMPACT

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT, WHICH OVERSEES THE MARYLAND ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD, MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE, IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY OF THE NATION AND THE STATE OF MARYLAND.



The Maryland Army National Guard broke ground on a \$22.6 million project to renovate the Army Aviation Support Facility at Weide Army Airfield, Aberdeen Proving Ground - Edgewood Area, Edgewood Md. May 22, 2010. The project adds 11,500 square feet of renovated space, 20,000 square feet of office space and 65,000 square feet of hangar space. (Photo by Sgt. Thaddeus Harrington, Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office)

to civil authorities. This appropriation also includes all full-time payrolls.

**3. Construction:** Includes construction and modification and procurement of facilities and necessary items for the National Guard. These funds are not normally authorized for use on state property. In some cases, however, the federal government has provided funds based on the state's agreement to share costs in constructing, altering or modifying selected state facilities.



Nearly 75 members of the Maryland Defense Force participated in a major multi-agency disaster exercise at Towson University on April 14, 2010, alongside Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers from the state medical detachment and the 224th Area Support Medical Company. The exercise involved nearly 1000 participants, including several hundred Towson University students who volunteered to be "casualties" and more than 300 Towson University nursing students who trained with MDDF participants and Maryland National Guard medical personnel. Maryland Guard Soldiers and Defense Force participants were responsible for a number of tasks to include triage instruction, medical treatment of injured victims, mentoring nursing students, mental health support and referrals, security, communications and establishment of an operations center and field treatment center.

Financial support to the Maryland National Guard totaled \$353.8 million in fiscal year 2010. Funds are received from the Department of the Army (57%), the Department of the Air Force (24%), the Department of Homeland Security (15%), and the state of Maryland (4%). State funds cover the salaries of state regular and contractual employees, maintenance and repair of MDNG facilities. Additionally, the state provides matching funds for tuition assistance for Guardmembers and the Freestate Challenge program.

Federal support to the Maryland Military Department is significant, as shown on the subsequent pages. These expenditures, which have an economic impact on nearly all political subdivisions in Maryland, cover pay and allowances, training, supplies, equipment and construction. This also includes funding for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency by the Department of Homeland Security.

The figures listed for the counties without armories represent the salaries paid to Guard members who live in these political subdivisions but serve elsewhere.

Both the Maryland Army and Air National Guard receive federal funds in three basic appropriations:

- 1. Military Personnel:** Includes pay, authorized allowances, uniforms and individual equipment, disability benefits, bonuses and related expenses for personnel in connection with active duty, active duty for training (two-week annual training) and inactive duty training (drill weekends).
- 2. Operations and Maintenance:** Includes activities involved in the administration of the National Guard, training of units, procurement of organizational equipment, supplies, repair parts, services, equipment maintenance and activities in connection with military support



FEDERAL VS. STATE  
EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 2010



\$340.1 MILLION  
(FEDERAL 96 PERCENT)

For every \$25 spent by the federal government in support of the Maryland National Guard, the state spends \$1.

\$13.6 MILLION  
(STATE 4 PERCENT)

TOTAL WORK FORCE

* Maryland Army National Guard	4,938
* Maryland Air National Guard	1,530
Maryland Emergency Management Agency	76
Maryland Defense Force	436
State Employees Working for Military Department	321
	7,301

\* Includes 1,371 full-time federally funded Soldiers and Airmen

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS



60%



25%

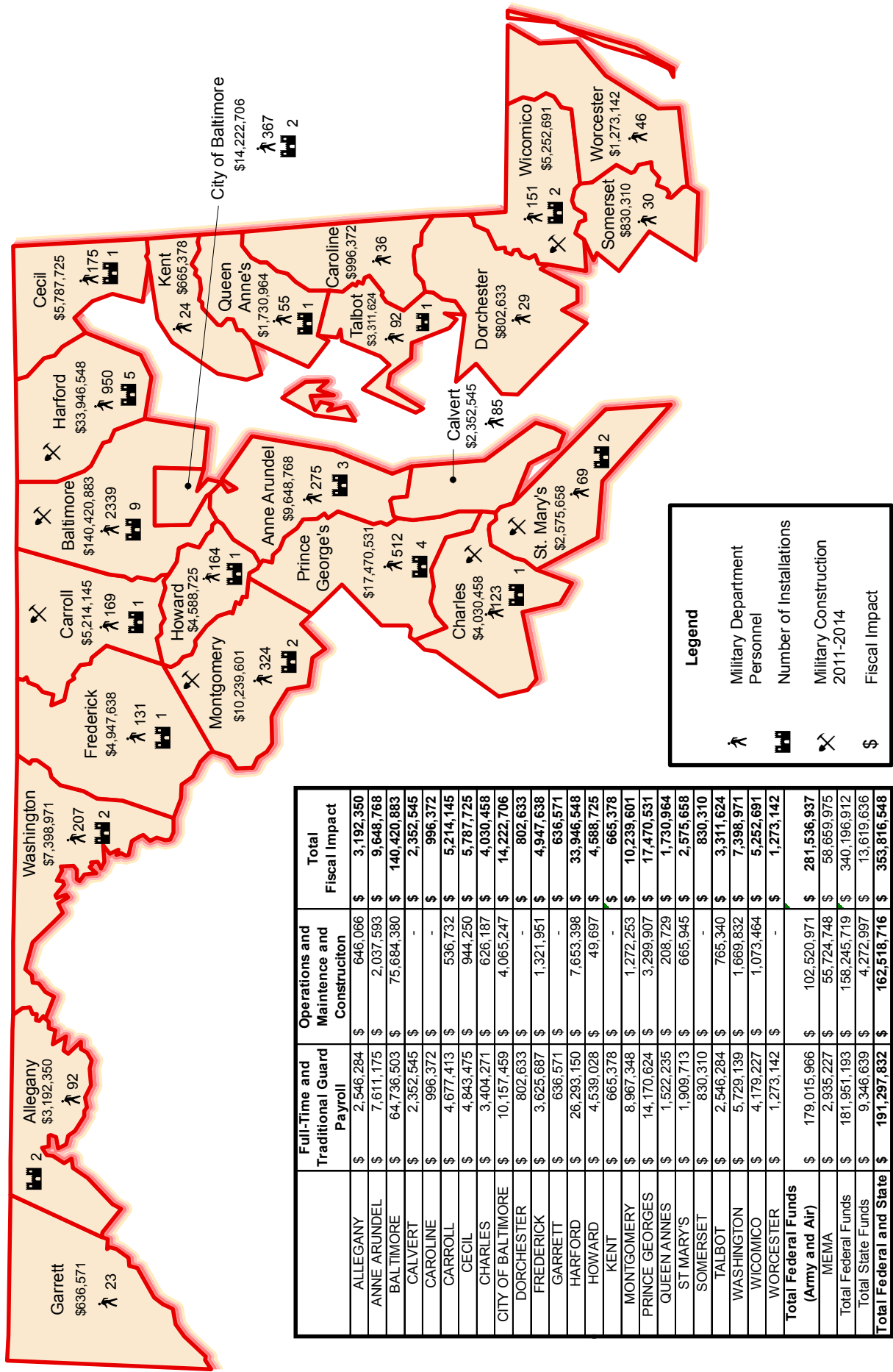


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# Maryland Military Department

## Fiscal Impact By County



# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD'S REAL PROPERTY

## REAL PROPERTY HOLDINGS INVENTORY INCLUDES:

- 40 Armories
- 1 Airbase
- 3 Airfields
- 4 Military Training Reservations
- 7 Field Maintenance Shops
- 297 Buildings
- 2,560,770 Square Feet
- 5,115 Acres

Property Value: \$302,600,000

## Military Construction – Fiscal Year 2010

2010 marked a significant increase in military construction projects. In May, Maj. Gen. James Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland, and several other dignitaries assisted Governor Martin O'Malley with the groundbreaking of the \$22 million Weide Army Aviation Support Facility in Edgewood. In September, the Maryland Army National Guard again broke ground on the \$9 million Salisbury Armory project. These projects are in motion and will yield 96,000 square feet of renovated space in the AASF and 54,000 square feet



Brig. Gen. Peter Hinz, commander of the Maryland Army National Guard and Lt. Gen. (ret.) James Fretterd, former adjutant general of Maryland, cut the ribbon formally opening the Victor P. Gillespie Armory in Queen Anne, Md., dedicating it to a detachment of the 1229th Transportation Company Oct. 3, 2010. The armory used to house units from the 175th and 115th Infantry Regiments. It has been unoccupied for the last several years. (Photo by Sgt. Thaddeus Harrington, Maryland National Guard Public Affairs Office)

of renovated and additional space in Salisbury. In October, Brig. Gen. Peter C. Hinz, Maryland Army National Guard commander, and the 58th Troop Command team dedicated the \$8 million Olney Readiness Center comprised of 28,000 square feet.

## Military Construction – Fiscal Year 2011-2014

2011 promises to be a robust year in Military Construction with the anticipated award of the Webster Field project. This \$5 million Tactical Unmanned Aircraft System facility will position the MDARNG with an additional state-of-the-art facility in southern Maryland. In 2012, the Dundalk Armory will undergo a \$21 million addition and



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alteration project. Also in 2012, the communities of Westminster and La Plata will see the construction of new armories totaling \$10 million and \$9 million respectively. Finally, in 2014, the Maryland Military Department plans to replace the Havre de Grace Armory, built in 1924, with a new \$11 million readiness center.

## Sustainability

The adjutant general is committed to ensuring all Maryland Military Department installations remain valued neighbors and trusted partners with their surrounding communities. The adjutant general has charged leaders at all levels to positively impact the environment by maintaining a higher standard of conduct, inspection and accountability in all individual and organizational planning, training and operations. The Olney Readiness Center is Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Silver Certified, and the ongoing project in Wicomico promises to be, at a minimum, LEED Silver Certified.

## Army Programs:

The Construction Facilities Management Office provides the planning, execution and oversight of all MDARNG facilities in the areas of operations, maintenance and construction. The CFMO team is comprised of members of the military along with state and federal civilian employees. All facilities, regardless of their age, require sustainment, renovation and modernization at some point in their life span. With an average age of 41 years, most of our older facilities require more attention. In some cases, it is more cost effective to build a new facility. This course of action is called Military Construction. The CFMO team is well-prepared to manage all aspects of SRM and MILCON as we enter a new decade of service to our community, state and the United States of America.



# MARYLAND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

**MISSION:** The mission of the Maryland Army National Guard is to:

- Man, equip, train and sustain the force;
- Mobilize units and Soldiers to federal service as ordered by the president; and
- Provide support to civil authorities during minor, major or catastrophic disasters/emergencies in the state of Maryland as directed by the adjutant general.

## Commander's Vision:

The Maryland Army National Guard team prepares, supports and provides highest-quality soldiers and units for federal and state missions. We think strategically as we safely, effectively and efficiently conduct operations to accomplish missions and continually improve our organization for current and future members. We mentor and develop soldiers and leaders at all levels to be key members of the team and to grow as individuals. We embody Army values and are objective and fair in our mission-focused decision-making and leadership. We integrate our families and employers to the greatest extent possible to enable greater soldier participation, performance and accomplishments. We communicate openly towards a clear and transparent environment. And finally, we are proud of our traditions and lineage, and we respect and honor all service, from soldiers' completion of their first obligation to those completing a career of service.

## 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DEPLOYMENTS & EVENTS

**January 26-30, 2010** - The Maryland National Guard's 32nd Civil Support Team traveled to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico to begin the first part of Exercise Caribbean Thunder, a multi-CST exercise involving the Maryland, Puerto Rico and Ohio CSTs. The mission was to

respond to a suspected weapon of mass destruction agent

released at a convention center in Puerto Rico, locate the source and identify the agent. The exercise gave each CST the opportunity to deploy to a location, collaborate with other CSTs, perform their mission and redeploy to home station.

**February 4-15, 2010** - During the record-breaking back-to-back snowstorms that hammered



Capt. Christian Callender, Maryland Army National Guard, assists a motorist who was stranded in his vehicle, just outside of Baltimore on 95 South. (Photo by Sgt. Jennifer Sardam, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

Maryland, approximately 700 men and women of the Maryland Army National Guard operating almost 200 vehicles were activated for state active duty by Governor O'Malley and deployed to assist state and local authorities by rescuing stranded motorists, escorting fire trucks, transferring severely injured patients to



Maryland National Guard Soldiers gathered at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation March 7, 2010, to become combat lifesavers. More than 36 students from around the state took part in the training exercise. On the battlefield, the ability of trained medical personnel to provide immediate, far forward care is limited. The combat lifesaver is a nonmedical Soldier trained to provide emergency care as a secondary mission. Once certified, these Maryland Guard citizen-Soldiers will have the skills necessary to save lives here at home and abroad.

medical treatment facilities and transporting first responder personnel and critical supplies, such as road salt, to emergency sites around the state. One of the teams even assisted in the delivery of a baby.



Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins congratulates Brig. Gen. Alberto J. Jimenez, the outgoing commander, during the Maryland Army National Guard change of command ceremony.



Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers practice rifle marksmanship in the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, a virtual shooting range, at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation.

**August 3, 2010** - Members of the Maryland Army National Guard, in coordination with the Baltimore and Harford Counties' Swift water/Flood Search & Rescue Teams consisting of elements of county fire and police departments, conducted the joint exercise Operation Chesapeake Retriever at the Essex Sky Park in Essex, Md.

Operation Chesapeake Retriever was an operational drill to test the readiness and capabilities of Baltimore and Harford Counties in the event of a hurricane. The drill consisted of movement of swift



A CH-47 Chinook helicopter from the Maryland Army National Guard's 29th Combat Aviation Brigade hauls a MH-60S Knighthawk to assist the Navy in the vehicle's recovery. The helicopter crashed Feb. 18 shortly after 1 p.m. on the side of a mountain in W.Va. in more than four feet of snow. Seventeen personnel on board the helicopter from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 26, based at Naval Station Norfolk, were successfully rescued from the aircraft. (U.S. Army photo/Spc. John Higgins)

water/flood search and rescue teams from their home bases to the operational area via Maryland Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopters followed by a variety of swift water rescue training missions using UH-60 Blackhawks and Baltimore County aircraft. The Maryland Army National Guard played a support role in this exercise lending its resources to civilian authorities.

**September 11, 2010** - A Freedom Salute was held for members of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Md.

**September 22, 2010** - A ground-breaking ceremony was held for the start of a multi-million dollar renovation of the Command Sgt. Maj. Blair Lee Crockett Armory in Salisbury, Md.

**December 26-28, 2010** -

Approximately 50 Soldiers located in Salisbury, Easton and the Joint Operations Center at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation responded to Governor O'Malley's state of emergency declaration by assisting state and local first-responders during a large snowfall on the Eastern Shore. The Soldiers were assigned to assist with the transportation needs of the county fire departments and the state police.

## Deployments:

The MDARNG deployed approximately 130 Soldiers in 2010 from the following units:

- 243rd Engineer Haul Platoon, who are serving in Djibouti as a well-drilling team;
- Soldiers deployed as part of the Afghan National Security Forces Development Assistance Bureau training the Afghan military and police;
- The Aviation Depot Maintenance Roundout Unit, who are serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan;

- The 110th Information Operations Battalion who are also serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.



A group of Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers negotiate an obstacle as part of the Warrior Challenge competition at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Md., on May 17, 2010. Warrior Challenge is a test of team work and physical fitness developed by the Recruit Sustainment Program, a program composed of Maryland Guard members devoted to building a solid foundation for freshly enlisted soldiers. Warrior Challenge is the culmination of their training. (U.S. Army Photo/Sgt. John Higgins)



**Brigadier General Peter C. Hinz**  
Maryland Army National Guard Commander



**Command Sergeant Major Christopher N. Wigfall**  
Maryland Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major



# MARYLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD

**OVERVIEW:** The Maryland Air National Guard is comprised of the Joint Force Headquarters, Maryland Air National Guard and the 175th Wing. The 175th Wing is made up of 24 subordinate organizations including 18 A-10C and four C-130J aircraft and more than 1,500 personnel including full-time federal and state employees.

## 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, DEPLOYMENTS & EVENTS

**January, 3-6, 2010** - Early in the year, 113 members of the 135th Airlift Group and 303 members of the 104th Fighter Squadron mobilized for deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**January 28, 2010** - A C-130J Hercules cargo aircraft from the 135th Airlift Group departed for Miami to assist in relief supply efforts to Haiti following the devastating earthquake.

**February 13-27, 2010** - The 175th Wing participated in a nationwide exercise consisting of a planned service failure of the messaging infrastructure at the Air National Guard Network Operations Security Center and establishment of messaging services for all customers serviced by the ANG NOSC.

**March 6-14, 2010** - The 175th Civil Engineering Squadron participated in a Silver Flag Exercise, at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. Silver Flag Exercises provide quality training and realistic exercises on a wide range of critical assets and equipment to ensure civil engineers and services personnel will continue to provide agile combat support to the Air Force of the 21st century.

**April 9-17, 2010** - 175th Network Warfare Squadron participated in a U.S. Pacific Command cyber exercise called Terminal Fury. The



*An example of the Maryland Air National Guard's newest airframe, the C-27J Spartan, landed at Warfield Air National Guard Base Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010. The MDANG will be receiving more of the C-27Js to replace the C-130Js which will be reassigned to another state.*

exercise reflected real-world scenarios and potential crises the command could face and covered the span of operations—intelligence, strategy, plans, policy, equipment, international and interagency involvement.

**April 23 - May 11, 2010** - The 235th Civil Engineer Flight participated in "Austere Challenge 2010," a multi-national, multi-service exercise conducted by U.S. Air Forces in Europe at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

*Tech. Sgt. Matt Youngers looks over the #1 engine on an A-10C Thunderbolt II Feb. 2, 2010, at Kandahar Airfield. Sergeant Youngers was a crew chief deployed from the Maryland Air National Guard in Baltimore, Md. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Speicher)*

**May 3-6, 2010** - The 175th Wing hosted the Secretary of the Air Force Financial Management Data Summit at Warfield Air National Guard Base.

**May 8, 2010** - Elements of the 175th Wing returned from Afghanistan.

**June 13, 2010** - Governor O'Malley and Brig. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland held an official welcome-home ceremony for elements of the 175th Wing.

**July 9-16, 2010** - The 175th Operations Group participated in Operation Firebird, held at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Operation Firebird was a full-scale live weapons deployment involving



six jets and a wide range of the MDANG's arsenal.

**July 10, 2010 and September 18, 2010** - The Maryland Air National Guard held its first and second-ever Yellow Ribbon reintegration events at the Holiday Inn, Baltimore. The Yellow Ribbon program is designed to assist servicemembers and their families as they readjust to civilian life after deployments.

**July 24 - August 7, 2010** - The 175th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Small Air Terminal, participated in exercises at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

**August 13-17, 2010** - Four A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs" from the 175th Wing participated in the Chicago Air Show. This air show holds the distinction of being the oldest and largest free show of its kind in the United States, attracting nearly 2 million annually.

**September 26, 2010 and November 7, 2010** - The Maryland



*L-R Senior Master Sgt. Stanley F. Dulski, Jr., Tech. Sgt. John D. Trommer and Airman 1st Class John W. Harper, II, members of the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Civil Engineer Squadron, assemble an Alaskan Tent at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 30, 2010. The work was in preparation for approximately 300 National Guard members who were housed at the base to participate in Exercise Vigilant Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lt. Col. Steven H. Benden/Released)*



*Maintenance personnel of the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepare to launch A-10C aircraft equipped with LITENING sensor pods at Warfield Air National Guard Base, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 6, 2010. The pods use the ROVER enhancement to beam imagery to the ground in real time. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jennifer Sardam)*

Air National Guard conducted flyovers of M&T Bank Stadium with their A-10C aircraft prior to the start of the Ravens' football games in Baltimore.

**November 8-21, 2010** - The 175th Wing participated in Operation Snowbird at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. This is a National Guard Bureau program dating back to 1975. Operation Snowbird provides support for visiting flying units from U.S. military installations and allied partners needing to train in the optimal weather conditions

and ample ranges of southern Arizona. This environment is similar to deployed environments, making the base and its assets ideal for combat training.

**December 9, 2010** - The 175th Operations Group participated in a major accident response exercise at Warfield Air National Guard Base. The exercise was designed to allow members to effectively integrate with local, regional and state emergency responders.

## Community Outreach:

The Maryland Air National Guard conducted flyovers for state and local community events and base tours for Boy/Girl Scout, the Civil Air Patrol, civic leaders and community residents. The Maryland Air National Guard sponsored, supervised and assisted the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol's Tri-wing Encampment. The Maryland Air National Guard also collected winter clothing during the annual Coats-for-Kids campaign for families in need within the local community.



**Brigadier General Allyson R. Solomon**  
Assistant Adjutant General-Air



**Chief Master Sergeant Glenn D. Hart**  
Maryland Air National Guard  
State Command Chief





# MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**MISSION:** The mission of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency is to protect lives, property and the environment of Maryland's citizens by providing emergency management leadership and coordination of response.

**VISION:** MEMA will be the most effective emergency management agency in the country. Its goal is the integration and coordination of statewide resources and the safety and welfare of Maryland citizens.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**January 26, 2010** - MEMA, along with other elements of the Maryland Military Department, participated in an emergency preparedness exercise to test the readiness of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Plant in Delta, Pa. The exercise was graded by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Approximately 45 State Emergency Operations Center representatives from various state departments & agencies participated.

**April 14, 2010** - MEMA hosted its 25th Annual Severe Storms Awareness Conference at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, Md. The event offered an opportunity for state and local emergency management officials to hear emergency management officials from around the country speak about their experiences.

**August 1, 2010** -

Through the efforts of the staff of the Maryland Joint Operations Center, MEMA acquired a new mobile radio from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency that will allow MEMA to participate in the FBI's Federal Interoperability Network in both Baltimore and the National Capital regions. The initiative saved MEMA more than \$8,000.

**September 3-4, 2010** - At the direction of Governor Martin O'Malley, MEMA activated the State Emergency Operations Center in anticipation of Hurricane



Richard Muth, executive director of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency works with Governor Martin O'Malley during the MEMA snow exercise on Dec. 6, 2010.

Earl. The governor signed an emergency declaration which alerted state departments and agencies to prepare to support local jurisdictions during the declaration. The SEOC was staffed at a Level 3 (partial staffing by critical state agency representatives in full support of impacted jurisdictions).

**September 3-9 & 14, 2010** - MEMA and the state Board of Elections coordinated the preparation of state agencies and local jurisdictions for a disaster or catastrophic event that could occur during the early voting and on the Primary Election Day. MEMA worked behind the scenes

MEMA coordinated the state's response during the Vigilant Guard exercise that was hosted by the National Guard to test their response to a domestic emergency. Sgt. John Manning, left, and Sgt. Jared King with the 32nd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) put on their gear to survey a simulated contaminated area in Baltimore. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Breeanna DuBuke)



MEMA coordinated the response of the deployment of more than 40 Maryland National Guard Soldiers in late February to help officials in Garrett County cope with blizzard-like conditions that battered the region.

response capabilities. The daylong event included presentations by MEMA staff on Emergency Management Assistance Compact, SEOC Operations, logistics, GIS, the Joint Operations Center, the Maryland State Police, Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services.

**Maryland Joint Operations Center (On-going)** - MEMA will become part of a program called the Cooperative Observer Program. The program is similar to the Skywarn spotter program, but the CO-OP program is occurring all the time, not just when severe weather strikes. Each weather office tries to have one station in each of its counties. There are four counties in Maryland that do not have such a site, one of which is Baltimore County. MEMA will serve as that site.

with the BOE to coordinate the flow of information and resources that might be needed, as well as to prepare a response in case mishaps were to occur.

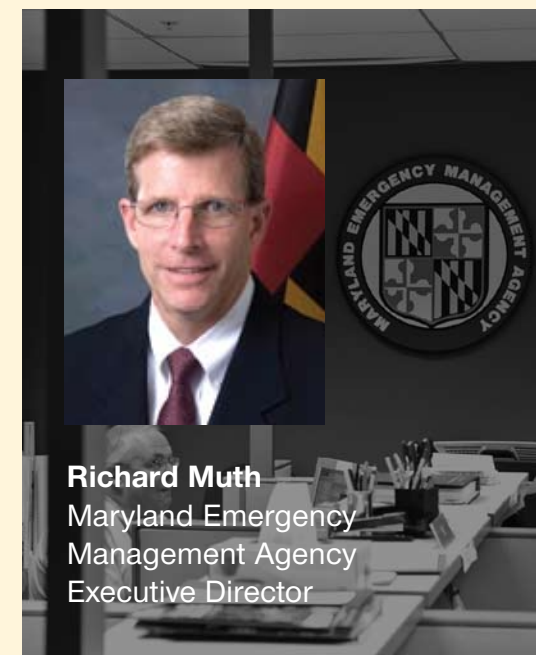
**September 27, 2010** - More than 55,000 Maryland first responders and emergency services personnel completed the Incident Command Systems training, thereby allowing response and coordination agencies to work together using a common operating language. Achieving this goal means that all Maryland counties and state department and agencies have met the requirements of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5.

**September 30, 2010** - MEMA activated to a Level 3 in preparation for, and in response to, the remnants of Tropical Storm Nicole. Numerous swift water rescues were reported throughout the state. The governor signed an emergency declaration which alerted state departments and agencies to prepare to support local jurisdictions during the declaration.

**November 3, 2010** - MEMA, in partnership with the U.S. State Department, hosted a delegation of emergency management officials from the Philippines. The delegation requested an overview of Maryland's emergency management and



MEMA employees track emergency response needs and capabilities in the Joint Operations Center at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation during the back-to-back February snowstorms.



**Richard Muth**  
Maryland Emergency  
Management Agency  
Executive Director



# MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE

**MISSION:** The Maryland Defense Force is a volunteer, uniformed agency of the Maryland Military Department, authorized by Maryland law, with a mission to provide competent professional and technical support to the Maryland National Guard and state civil agencies as ordered by the governor and the adjutant general.

**VISION:** The Maryland Defense Force supports the Maryland National Guard by providing trained and ready competent personnel with professional and technical skills that augment the MDNG in its state mission and support its mobilization to, and redeployment from, federal missions. The MDDF prepares for and responds to homeland security and civil emergencies by maintaining trained and ready personnel who can supplement the state's emergency management and first-responder resources, and strengthens Maryland's communities through service programs such as the Freestate ChalleNGe. The MDDF will train to become the premier volunteer force in Maryland and to set the standard for public service for other state defense forces and volunteer public service organizations.

**THE MDDF VOLUNTEERED MORE THAN 31,000 MAN HOURS IN 2010, SAVING THE STATE OVER \$2 MILLION.**

## PRINCIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Cavalry Troop A, the MDDF mounted ceremonial unit, represented the Maryland Military Department at a number of highly visible public events and parades across the state, while continuing



Members of the Maryland Defense Force serve as color guards during the Dansko Fair Hill International in Elkton, Md. October 17, 2010. (Photo courtesy of the Bill Hughes Gazette)

to train to its secondary mission of providing mounted urban search & rescue.

MDDF medical personnel continued to support the Post Deployment Health Reassessment Program (PDHRA) by screening more than 900 National Guard Airmen and Soldiers redeploying from overseas operations this past year. More than 30 MDDF medical and mental health personnel have been trained to perform these in-depth evaluations so that MDNG Soldiers and Airmen can obtain further medical treatment and support as required.

Governor Martin O'Malley promotes Ronald "Buddy" Scott to the rank of sergeant major during the Maryland Defense Force's annual muster on March 27, 2010. Sgt. Maj. (MD) Scott was appointed as the command's senior enlisted advisor.



The Engineer Corps completed detailed inspections of 23 National Guard installations and armories across the state during a two-month period involving more than 450 man-hours of effort. The inspections assessed the material condition of critical MDNG infrastructure and are used to program maintenance and repair dollars for modernization and refurbishment.

Chaplains from the MDDF are fully integrated into the MDNG

Chaplain's Corps and provided a broad range of support throughout the year including spiritual counseling during unit training, deployment and redeployment activities, counseling for families of deployed Guard members, and post-deployment stress counseling.



The Maryland Defense Force held its annual muster at Pikesville Military Reservation March 27, 2010.

MDDF chaplains are assigned and have primary spiritual responsibility for supporting the 70th Training Regiment at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation.

MDDF is continuing to collaborate with the MDNG and MEMA in an initiative to increase efficiency in the utilization of Maryland's aviation assets and the control of airspace in the event of emergencies that involve extraordinary flight activity, such as a total closure of airspace like that which occurred following 9/11, to lesser contingencies and activities involving aviation assets.

MDDF volunteers continued to screen potential candidates and assisted with induction activities for the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, a National Guard sponsored initiative which provides at-risk youth an opportunity to reclaim their lives by developing values, skills, education and self-discipline necessary to succeed as adults.

MDDF Financial and Legal Assistance Teams continued to provide extensive pro-bono financial and legal counseling and assistance to members of the Maryland National Guard, providing support in particular to those deploying and their families.

**June 12, 2010** - Members of the MDDF's 10th Medical Regiment assisted in conducting the Post Deployment Health Reassessment for members of the Maryland National Guard who returned from overseas deployments. The

PDHRA was conducted at the Veterans Affairs Medical Facility in Baltimore.

**June 21-24, 2010** - Three members of the MDDF's 10th Medical Regiment attended Advanced Trauma Life Support Instructor's



Members of the Maryland Defense Force participate in a major multi-agency disaster exercise at Towson University on April 14, 2010, alongside Maryland Army National Guard Soldiers from the state medical detachment and the 224th Area Support Medical Company.

training at the Uniformed Services University of Health Services, Bethesda, Md. The training further enhanced the ability of the members of the Medical Regiment



Governor Martin O'Malley attended the Maryland Defense Force's annual muster at Pikesville Military Reservation March 27, 2010.

to fulfill their role as a medical reserve for the state of Maryland.

**August 12, 2010** - Six engineers from the MDDF Engineers attended FEMA-361 training. All six passed the course taught by MEMA.

**September 23, 2010** - The MDDF Band performed at MDNG Unity Day Celebrations at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore.

**October 1-3, 2010** - In one of the largest missions for the 10th Medical Regiment since Hurricane Katrina, the MDDF supported the Boy Scout Camporee held at Fort McHenry, estimated to be the largest single gathering of Boy Scouts east of the Mississippi River. The MDDF's health care professionals provided field treatment for attendees and guests.



**Brigadier General (MD)  
Courtney Wilson**  
Commander Maryland  
Defense Force





# JOINT STAFF ACTIVITIES AND MILITARY SUPPORT

## MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

Since 1989, the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Program, a federally funded Department of Defense program, has been a vital member of a coalition of law enforcement agencies, local communities and the National Guard. This coalition has been involved in a multi-front battle



Sgt. Aaron Edwards addresses members of the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug (CD) Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) team brought a drug-free message to the children at the Maryland National Guard Child and Youth Program Camp in Harford County, MD June 21-23.



The Maryland National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force met with Claude Nelson, Maryland coordinator for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, to discuss the D.A.R.E. program and outline how Counterdrug can adopt/merge the D.A.R.E. curriculum into its own drug reduction program.

against drugs and drug-related violence. The mission of the program is to provide professional and dedicated military personnel and equipment to support federal, state and local LEAs as well as community-based organizations that work to reduce the demand for drugs.

Thirty-four highly trained Army and Air National Guard personnel, who

are on full-time active duty status, currently staff the MDNG Counterdrug Program. These skilled Soldiers and Airmen are from Maryland National Guard units from across the state and perform counterdrug duties in a support role.

The MDNG provides the following agencies with counterdrug support: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Maryland State Police, Baltimore City Police and a variety of community-based organizations and coalitions.

MDNG support of the drug demand reduction program reached 13,616 students in FY10 and conducted 38 missions.

Daren the Lion, D.A.R.E.'s mascot, is pictured getting ready for a presentation with the Maryland National Guard.



## 32ND CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM (CST)



The 32nd Civil Support Team (The 32nd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction)) is a highly specialized unit that supports local authorities by responding to situations involving potential use of weapons of mass destruction or other incidents as directed. The CST's mission is to assess the incident consequences, identify chemical, biological or radiological sources or agents, advise civilian responders on appropriate actions through on-site testing and expert



The Maryland National Guard's 32nd Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction), along with the Fort Meade Fire Department, Washington, D.C.'s 33rd CST, the Department of Energy and the Radiological Advisory Medical Team from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C., conducted the joint exercise Operation Cold Steel July 19-23 in Newport News, Va. Operation Cold Steel allowed the agencies to train and work together to conduct maritime operations.

consultation and facilitate the arrival of additional state and federal military forces and responders. The unit is composed of 22 full-time members of the Maryland National Guard, and their skills encompass 14 military occupational specialties.

Members of the 32nd Civil Support Team receive training on how to signal rescue crews in open water at Fort Meade, Md. The Coast Guard is training the CST to be more familiar with maritime operations and survival for responding to hazards in and around maritime environments. (U.S. Coast Guard photo/ Petty Officer 3rd Class Ayla Kelley)



The unit consists of six sections: command, operations, administration, logistics, medical/ analytics and survey. Each section uses state-of-the-art equipment to provide support to the first responder community. This year, the 32nd CST combined with three other CSTs, active duty forces, National Guard forces and numerous federal and local government agencies to form

Joint Task Force CBRNE in support of the 2010 Vigilant Guard Exercise. The team deployed during six stand-by missions to support civil authorities with counter-WMD expertise for National Special Security Events, and other high-profile events within Maryland. The team also conducted

more than 10 assist missions to provide contingency operations liaison, technical training assistance and capability briefs to state and local organizations throughout Maryland. As a MDNG unit, the 32nd CST is deployed under the authority of the governor and adjutant general.

Requested through MEMA, the CST can be immediately recalled 24 hours a day, seven days a week,

arriving at an emergency site within two hours. The unit is located at Fort Meade.

32nd Civil Support Team (CST) supported the following exercises in 2010:

- Operation Hammer - West Virginia
- Operation Cold Steel - Baltimore
- Operation Canal Days - Washington, D.C.
- Baltimore Tunnel - Baltimore
- U.S. Army North EXEVAL (Annual Certification Exercise) Baltimore
- Vigilant Guard - Baltimore



Sgt. Jared King, left, and Sgt. John Manning with the 32nd Civil Support Team (WMD) prepare to survey an area during Vigilant Guard, a training exercise held in Baltimore, Md., Friday, Nov. 5, 2010. Vigilant Guard is a multi-agency training exercise hosted by the National Guard to test their response to a domestic emergency. More than 30 agencies took part in the exercise, to include the Baltimore City Fire Department, Maryland National Guard, and other local first responders. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Breeanna DuBucke)





# JOINT STAFF ACTIVITIES AND MILITARY SUPPORT



A Maryland Army National Guard soldier and civilian first responders prepare to move a simulated casualty during Exercise Vigilant Guard, the joint, multi-day homeland defense training held in Maryland in November.

## VIGILANT GUARD EXERCISE

The Maryland National Guard hosted a large-scale exercise November 3-10 known as Vigilant Guard with more than 2,000 personnel from 30 different federal, state and local government agencies.

The scenario included a simulated explosion at a chemical production facility in Dundalk, Md., that collapsed causing mass casualties and trapping a number of personnel. The exercise also included a concurrent cyber attack.

Working with the city of Baltimore and the Baltimore Urban Area Security Initiative, the exercise tested the National Guard as the first military responder in support of the governor. The objective of the exercise was to improve command

and control and operational relationships with internal military and external civilian and military partners against homeland security threats.

The Maryland National Guard used all of its 34 locations across the state, and the coordinated response involved the following organizations:

- Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and D.C. National Guard
- Baltimore City Emergency Operations Center
- Baltimore City Fire Department
- United States Coast Guard
- Maryland Defense Force

- Maryland Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
- Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center
- Maryland Dept. of Human Resources
- Maryland Dept. of the Environment
- Maryland Dept. of General Services
- Maryland Dept. of Education
- Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources
- Maryland Dept. of Transportation
- Maryland State Police
- Joint Warfighting Center
- Joint Interagency Training and Education Center



U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Phyllis Aubrey (right), 175th Force Support Squadron, 175th Wing, Maryland Air National Guard, supports the Emergency Management Center/Mayor's Cell during Exercise Vigilant Guard at Warfield Air National Guard Base, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 6, 2010, along with (right to left) Lt. Col. William Hensel and 1st Lt. Paul Huettnr. Exercise Vigilant Guard involved more than 2,000 personnel from units in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Benjamin Hughes/Released)



The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard holds the U.S. flag taut over the casket of a Maryland veteran.

## MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD HONOR GUARD

The Maryland National Guard Honor Guard provides Military Funeral Honors for veterans throughout the state of Maryland. During State Fiscal Year 2010, 3,311 honors were performed at state veterans cemeteries and numerous private cemeteries. Military funeral honors are one of the benefits offered to those who served our nation in time of war and peace. The benefit is free and made available, by law, to military personnel on active duty, former members who served on active duty and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, members of the Selected Reserve, former members

of the Selected Reserve who served at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, and former members of the Selected Reserve who were discharged due to a service-connected disability.

Military funeral honors consist of the ceremonial flag folding and presentation to the next of kin and the sounding of Taps. The service is available to all honorably discharged veterans. Full honors consist of pall bearers, firing party, bugler and presentation of the American flag to the next of kin. Full honors are reserved for those who die on active duty, Medal of Honor recipients, general officers and enlisted personnel in the pay grade of E-9.

Since its inception in 1998, the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard has conducted more than 34,000 honors. In addition, the MDNGHG Colors Team has posted colors at many ceremonial events



Members of the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard at present arms during a full honors military funeral.

such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day as well as many other civic functions.

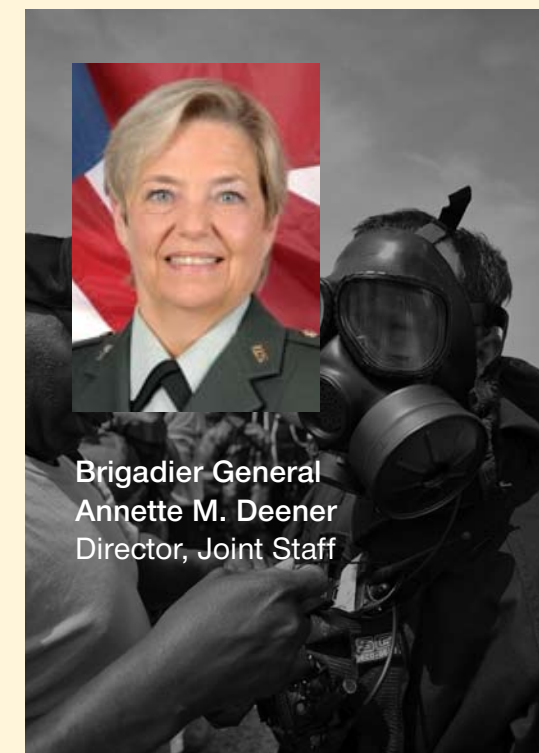
## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In FY-10, the Maryland Military Department supported more than 280 community events and organizations at an economic value of \$795,500 through the following actives:

- Military Bands
- Army and Air Guard Fly-overs
- Color Guard and Military Honors
- Marching Units
- Use of Armories
- Speakers Bureau
- Equipment Loans
- JROTC/ROTC Support



Brigadier General  
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Director, Joint Staff





## JOINT STAFF ACTIVITIES AND MILITARY SUPPORT



1st Lt. Michael Kehs from the 32nd Civil Support Team explains how to use chemical detection equipment to Lt. Col. Alija Kozljak, Mr. Zivko Marjanac and Lt. Col. Bozo Skopljakovic of the Bosnia-Herzegovina Defense Ministry.

cooperation with civil control of a professional military. Maryland has a key role in this international initiative to foster democracy, encourage market economies and promote regional cooperation and stability. In 2003, Maryland was selected to partner with Bosnia and Herzegovina, in part because of the state's previous success with Estonia.

### STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Maryland Military Department maintains two State Partnerships—one with Estonia and one with Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Maryland Military Department marked the 17th anniversary of the State Partnership Program with Estonia in 2010. The SPP was launched in Europe as part of the initial outreach by the United States to new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The SPP brings together U.S. states and territories with partner nations through a range of military, civil-military and civil activities under the Maryland Military Department auspices.

The partnership program emphasizes civil and military



Lt. Col. Bozo Skopljakovic Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina defense attaché uses the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 at Camp Fretterd Military Reservation in Reisterstown, Md., April 15.



In September, Soldiers from the MDARNG's 115th Military Police Battalion, consisting of volunteers from the 200th and 290th Military Police Companies and battalion headquarters, conducted a weapons demilitarization mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Guard members verified the destruction of nearly 12,000 M-16A1 rifles, of a 30,000 M-16A1 rifle stockpile, that the BiH Ministry of Defense identified as excess inventory. The rifles, (48,000 total) were donated by the United States under the Train and Equip Program which was a U.S.-financed initiative started after the war in BiH in order to improve the capability and professionalism of the Armed Forces.

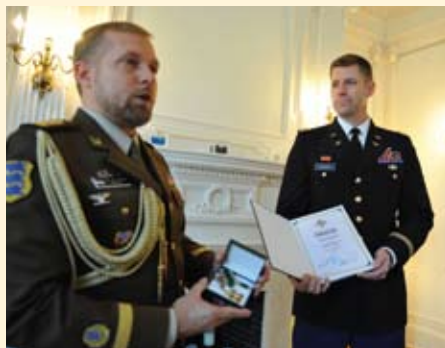
In January, Maj. Gen. James Adkins, adjutant general of Maryland attended the Bilateral Defense Conference with Joseph McMillan, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, and senior leaders of the tri-presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to set overarching U.S.- BiH bilateral cooperation objectives for the coming year.

In June and July, General Adkins and Col. David Carey, commander of the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, visited both Estonia and

Bosnia and Herzegovina. The focus of the visits was to develop enduring partnerships between similar units within the Estonian and BiH militaries and the Maryland National Guard and assist in the development of the rotary wing concept and doctrine.

In November, members of the Estonian delegation conducted a familiarization trip to Capitol Hill to observe the U.S. Congress in action. The purpose of this was to not only exchange information and enhance knowledge about the legislative process in regard to defense, but to increase awareness about the Maryland-Bosnia State Partnership and expand professional relationships.

Also in November, seven public affairs officials from the Bosnian Defense Ministry made an official visit to Maryland primarily to observe the Maryland National Guard's public affairs response in a large-scale domestic operation—Exercise Vigilant Guard. The officials also received tours and briefings in Baltimore, Annapolis and Washington D.C. and met with the Bosnian ambassador and Maryland elected officials.



Chief Warrant Officer Gaven Meadows, tactical operations officer in the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade's Charlie Company 2-224 Aviation Regiment, received the Estonian Border Guard Cross of Merit Class III award during a ceremony at the Estonian Embassy in Washington D.C., Nov. 24.

## CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY

**THE MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT CENTER FOR MILITARY HISTORY IS LOCATED AT THE FIFTH REGIMENT ARMORY IN BALTIMORE. THE CENTER ENCOMPASSES THE MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY, WHICH CONTAINS DISPLAYS OF MILITARY ARTIFACTS AND MEMORABILIA DATING BACK TO THE FOUNDING OF THE MARYLAND COLONY IN THE 17TH CENTURY, AND THE MARYLAND MILITARY ARCHIVES, WHICH CONTAINS AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AUDIO RECORDINGS AND MOTION PICTURES RELATING TO MARYLAND'S MILITARY HISTORY, INCLUDING THE WORLD'S MOST EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN BOTH WORLD WARS.**

### MARYLAND MUSEUM OF MILITARY HISTORY AND ARCHIVES

The Maryland Museum of Military History was founded in 1982 as the Museum of the Maryland National Guard. The museum was the culmination of years of effort by a group of dedicated officers and, until 2005, was operated and maintained by the Maryland Military Historical Society, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit that continues to serve as the museum's advisory body and source of vital financial aid.

#### Accomplishments

During the past year, the museum has accomplished several significant goals:

- Obtained artifacts that support the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Turned in 241 lines of federal property that was not suitable for display. This helped to free needed storage space. The museum had declared the property excess ten years prior.
- Consolidated the historical artifacts of the Maryland National Guard with the transfer of all

*Depicted in the Maryland Museum of Military History is a mannequin of 2nd Lt. George Brooks, a World War II veteran who gained a commission in the 231st Transportation Truck Company in 1946. During the Korean war, he served as the battalion's logistics officer. Following the unit's return from Korea, Brooks was a driving force in the Maryland National Guard's integration, signed into law by Governor McKeldin in 1955. He was breveted to the rank of brigadier general in 1979.*

items from the Pikesville Armory.

- Brought in a weapons expert in order to identify and ensure proper storage of all sensitive items in the large weapons vault at the Fifth Regiment Armory.
- Worked with Maryland Army National Guard Recruiting Command to display historic artifacts at recruiting events.
- Obtained several new historical artifacts for the display to include a 75mm pack howitzer.



This year the Maryland Military Department center for Military History acquired a 75mm pack howitzer. The 75mm pack howitzer was one of the most versatile artillery weapons of the Second World War. It served in almost every campaign and was nicknamed "Little Dynamite" because of its size and ability to deliver a high volume of fire.



- Established a long-range plan for the museum.

- Obtained, and made available, hundreds of Soldiers' records from excess storage area in the Fifth Regiment Armory.
- Continued efforts to digitize historic documents and photographs.
- Acquired additional space from the Department of Plans, Operations and Training shared drive to secure the safety of 25 GB of historical documents.
- Continued to provide personal assistance to educators, authors and members of the public researching a wide variety of aspects of Maryland military history. This assistance has been provided in person, by phone or by e-mail.





# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORT PROGRAMS

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Maryland Family Readiness Program:

The mission of the Family Readiness Program is to establish ongoing communication, involvement, support and recognition between the members of the Maryland National Guard and members of their families in a partnership that promotes the best of both. It seeks to contribute to an enhanced quality of life for Maryland National Guard members, their families and the communities in which they live. The Family Readiness Program works closely with the Yellow Ribbon Program and also does the day-to-day logistical planning and execution for the Chaplain Program's Strong Bonds events. During 2010, the FRP provided in-depth assistance to 242 families, logged more than 57,000 informational contacts, and distributed more than 76,000 informational and educational items.



A huge crowd packed Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport's international terminal March 20, 2010, to welcome 148 members of the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Wing returning from a combat deployment in Afghanistan. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Speicher)

### Family Readiness Advisory Council and Teen Advisory Council:

These are two advisory councils sponsored by the adjutant general. The councils meet quarterly and have a vision of enhancing the quality of life for military families. The councils communicate, mentor and provide outreach to Family Readiness Groups throughout the state. They formulate recommendations from the field and senior leadership.

### State Youth Program:

Two full-time youth coordinators are in place (Baltimore and Hagerstown) to serve youth ages 6-18 and provide opportunities for youth to develop their physical, social, emotional and cognitive abilities and to experience achievement, leadership, employment and friendship. The Youth Program sponsors a summer camp for children/adolescents each year and also a State Youth Symposium. The annual Homefront Challenge youth camp took place June 20-25 at Rock State Park in Harford County.

### Family Assistance Centers:

The Family Assistance Centers provide seven essential services: crisis intervention, legal resource information and referral, financial resource information and referral, Tricare information,

identification cards, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System information, and community

resource information and referral. There are five regional family assistance centers: Baltimore, Towson, Annapolis, Havre de Grace and Hagerstown. The FACs also provide family readiness briefings to deploying units and make monthly wellness check calls to all families of Soldiers who are deployed.

### Family Readiness Groups:

The mission of the Family Readiness Group is to implement the commander's family readiness plan, provide support and education to the families and serve as a conduit for information between the family and chain of command. Each level of command has a Family Readiness Group that is composed of volunteers.

### Family Readiness Assistant (FRA):

There is one full-time FRA who has a primary responsibility of training new and ongoing volunteers at the Family Readiness Group level. The FRA also is the key staff member who plans the state's annual Family Readiness Conference, which is the key training event and volunteer recognition event for the Family Readiness Program.

### Family Readiness Support Assistant:

There are two full-time FRSA's in place for the MDARNG. They are located at the 58th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade in Towson and 29th Combat Aviation Brigade in Edgewood. The mission of the FRSA is to empower commanders in their duty to deliver the Total Army Family Program so that Soldiers and families are informed, educated, assisted and prepared for the unique demands of military life before, during and after deployment.

Maryland Counter Drug Soldiers display their OH-58 helicopter for Homefront Challenge campers.



### Joint Family Support Assistance Program:

The JFSAP augments the existing MDNG Family Readiness Program. It is comprised of five components that provide information and referrals to community services and support; non-medical counseling and education to individuals, families and groups; child and youth services, including assistance locating child care; financial education and counseling; on-demand support for deployment events such as reunion ceremonies and pre-deployment meetings; and community capacity building to support families' access to local resources and support.

- **Military Family Life Consultant** – provides short term situational, problem-solving counseling services to servicemembers and their families. There are three full-time MFLCs assigned to the Maryland JFSAP: an Adult MFLC, a Youth & Child MFLC, and a MFLC Personal Financial Counselor.

- **Military One Source** – a Department of Defense resource program that provides assistance to families and service members via the Internet or a toll-free telephone number. The services include everything from common, everyday difficulties that might face a family to life's most complicated situations. The service is available 24 hours a day around the country and around the world. There is one full-time MOS consultant assigned to Maryland and the District of Columbia.

- **Operation Military Kids** – Operation Military Kids provides support to geographically dispersed military youth who are affected by the current conflicts.



Warfield Air National Guard Base in Baltimore, Md., welcomed 31 Airmen from the 135th Airlift Group returning from Afghanistan, March 10, 2010. The 135th supported forces fighting in Afghanistan through transport supplies and cargo. (Army photo by Spc. Thaddeus Harrington/Released)

With community partners and statewide volunteers, the program strives to build infrastructure and sustainable programs for Reserve, Guard and off-base military families. The OMK staff partner with 4H programs around the state. The program is sponsored through the 4H program at the University of Maryland, College Park.

- **American Red Cross** – Volunteer Manager - The Volunteer Manager Service to Military Families position is responsible for ensuring two-way communications between the Red Cross and the Family Program. The manager serves as the Red Cross point of contact within the state for JFSAP information, supports volunteer recruitment efforts on behalf of Service to Military Hospitals, and assists Warrior Transition Units in respective communities.





# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORT PROGRAMS

## REINTEGRATION (YELLOW RIBBON)

### REINTEGRATION:

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program consists of informational events and activities for members of the reserve components of the armed forces, their families, and community members to facilitate access to services supporting their health and well-being through three phases of the deployment cycle: pre-deployment, deployment, and reintegration.

- Pre-deployment phase events are all-day activities for Soldiers and Airmen and their families with lodging available the preceding night. Most of the training is for the family members who will remain at home. Included are classes on resilience, legal issues, finance and budgeting, using Tricare, suicide prevention and depression identification.
- During the deployment phase, family members are invited to an event some 60 to 90 days before the unit returns. At this time, they are offered classes in reuniting with the Soldier or Airman, recommended strategies for the family, children's issues and resilience training.

2. The next event is at about 40 to 45 days. It is for Soldiers and Airmen and their families. This event is held at a local hotel, and attendees are taught reconnecting with the family and children, single Soldier issues, and female Soldier or Airman issues. Other classes include Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, the Department of Labor for employment, resilience, finance, interacting



From (L-R) Maureen Finley, key volunteer; Jeanne Benden, Airmen and Family Readiness Program manager; Tech Sgt. Angela Phillips, first sergeant; James Cannon; Master Sgt. Thomas Myers; Staff Sgt. James Cheney; and Rebecca Price, Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, pose for a group photo at the first 30 day post deployment Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program at the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel on July 9-10. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Ed Bard)

with law enforcement and post-traumatic stress disorder prevention.

3. At 70 to 80 days, an event is held at a hotel. Classes include anger management, substance abuse, suicide prevention, spiritual resilience and applied resilience.

4. Finally, at 100 to 120 days, the Soldiers and Airmen have a Post Deployment Health Re-Assessment at the Baltimore VA. Soldiers view two mandatory films and are then seen by a health care provider. At this time, each Soldier and Airman is given the opportunity to meet with a healthcare provider. Also at this event any outstanding Line of Duty injury problems are addressed, and any necessary assistance is provided.

## PARTNERS IN CARE AND STRONG BONDS

### PARTNERS IN CARE:

The Partners in Care program is an initiative of the Maryland National Guard providing relationships with local congregations for referral and support of Maryland National Guard members and their families when in need. A memorandum of understanding between participating congregations and the Maryland National Guard allows for the referral of Soldiers, Airmen and family members to the closest Partner in Care for support. Support is provided within the limits of each congregation's ability free of charge, regardless of religious affiliation, and without further obligation. Services include, but are not limited to: counseling for individuals, couples, marriages and families; child care; children and youth support groups; basic household and auto repair; family and loved ones deployment and reintegration support; crisis and grief counseling; and many other helpful services. There are currently 71 participating congregations representing 18 different faith

groups in 23 counties and Baltimore City. Partners in Care is administered by the Joint Force Headquarters Chaplain's Office.

### STRONG BONDS:

Strong Bonds is a Chaplain-led Army program in support of Guard member and family relationships. Separate retreats are offered for both single and married Soldiers that teach relationship skills designed to promote healthy and resilient relationships. These retreats are offered free of charge and are led by certified instructors at locations across Maryland.

## EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD & RESERVE

### OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense organization. It was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between reserve component members (National Guard and Reserve) and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising

from an employee's military commitment. They assist members from all seven reserve components; Army Reserve, Army National Guard; Air Force Reserve; Air National Guard; Navy Reserve; Marine Corps Reserve; and Coast Guard Reserve. They operate through a network of volunteers throughout the country, and the Maryland Office of the ESGR is located at the Headquarters of the Maryland Military Department in Baltimore.

Besides its stated goals of promoting public understanding of the National Guard and Reserve and encouraging partnerships between civilian organizations and military units in the community, the office has promoted a number of outreach activities this year in furtherance of their goals.

The Employer Outreach subcommittee hosted luncheons across Maryland where more than 300 employers were honored for support of their employees. The committee hosted four Boss Lift missions. One was to Marine Recruit Depot Training at Parris Island in Beaufort, S.C., where 35 employers had the opportunity to observe Marine Corps basic training and tour the Marine Corps Museum. The

committee hosted 75 employers on a Baltimore Inner Harbor cruise with the 203rd Transportation Detachment and the 949th Transportation Company U.S. Army Reserve aboard the Army vessel MG Robert Smalls (LSV-8). A third event was held with the U.S. Navy Reserve at Fort McHenry where 20 employers toured the Navy Operational Support Center and got to cruise aboard the unit's Maritime Prepositioning Force utility boats. The last Bosslift involved the 459th Air Refueling Wing, U.S. Air Force at Joint Base Andrews. 15 employers participated in an air-to-air refueling mission. In FY 2010, the Maryland ESGR Committee sponsored and worked 63 Employer Outreach events.

Maryland ESGR members were very active in their Military Outreach mission. 6,386 Guard and Reserve members, assigned to 40 different units, were given ESGR/Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act briefings in FY2010. Maryland ESGR volunteers worked eight Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs county muster events, briefing veterans on USERRA and soliciting employer support. Volunteers also worked 14 Yellow Ribbon Reintegration events and several other military functions in 2010.

Maryland ESGR Ombudsmen provided assistance to 29 employers and military members to understand and resolve military duty-related questions. ESGR Ombudsmen are Department of Defense certified mediators. In FY 2010, Maryland Ombudsmen were able to mediate 97 percent of the complaints (28 out of 29) received from Guard and Reserve members regarding their employment and reemployment conditions.



Maryland National Guard Soldiers from the 29th Military Police Company, from the western Maryland communities of Westminster and Cascade completed special urban training during this year's annual training with the 58th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade at Fort Pickett, Va., June 12-26, 2010. (Photo by Maj. Rick Brietenfeldt - Maryland Army National Guard).





# MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORT PROGRAMS

## EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The Maryland National Guard plays a major role in the state's higher education program. Realizing the important need for education, the Guard strives to improve the educational status of citizen-Soldiers and citizen-Airmen.

Through various programs such as State Tuition Waiver, State Tuition Assistance and Federal Tuition Assistance programs, partnerships between the MDNG and higher education institutions give our military personnel avenues to pursue a valuable education. In addition, these partnerships provide Guard members the opportunity to obtain a college education at little or no cost.

The state of Maryland has consistently budgeted no less than \$500,000 per fiscal year for National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. In regard to Federal Tuition Assistance, the MDNG spent just less than \$1 million in tuition costs on our Soldiers. MDNG members also received more than \$600,000 in



Lt. Governor Brown announced a state partnership with the national Helmets to Hardhats initiative at the National Labor College.

tuition discounts through the State Tuition Waiver program. The MDNG education programs allow service-members to take advantage of state and partnership colleges/universities, including vocational-tech

and apprenticeship programs. These educational programs are some of the most significant initiatives for the MDNG. Educational entitlements also help to support personnel strength and retention efforts as we fight the current conflicts.

Education and training improve the knowledge base of the Guard members. Senate Bill 373 was signed into law on May 7, 2009. This law took effect on July 1, 2009 and exempts specified members of the MDNG from paying nonresident tuition at public institutions of higher education. It also alters the attendance status for an individual who is exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public institutions of higher education.

House Bill 1465 was signed into law on May 19, 2009. This law took effect on July 1, 2009 and authorizes the Military Department to provide State Tuition Assistance reimbursement for MDNG Soldiers

and Airmen for graduate, professional, vocational-technical and trade school credit courses and related fees.

The Civilian Employment Assistance (CEA) office has assisted approximately 300 Soldiers and Airmen with a 38 percent job placement rate within 30-60 days in the last 2 quarters of FY 2010. The office is providing this service as a direct result of the current employment situation and its impact on the organization. During 2010, unemployment has hovered around 10 percent nationwide. In 2010, Maryland experienced unemployment in some counties from 16 to 19 percent.



Sgt. Julius Blattner, a wheeled vehicle mechanic for 729th Brigade Support Company, Maryland Army National Guard, was awarded the Command Sgt. Maj. Roger W. Haller Memorial Scholarship during a Cambridge Rotary Club meeting at the Cambridge Yacht Club in Cambridge, Md. Thursday, April 29, 2010.

Services the CEA offers: general employment counseling, résumé review, interview tips, job fair strategies, apprenticeship and licensing counseling and education benefit integration to fund education and/or training. The CEA is networked with all key players in education and training in Maryland to include: The Way Station, Easter Seals and Helmets to Hardhats.

The process begins with assessing the member's needs, current

situation and goals and hopefully ends with gainful employment. To learn more, visit the CEA website at: <http://www.md.ngb.army.mil/XHTML/GuardMembers/Joint/CEA/CEA.html> or contact the CEA directly at: (410)-576-6177/1499.

In addition to the tuition waiver offered as part of this program, National Guard members are also eligible for federal and state tuition assistance, as well as educational benefits under the G.I. Bill.

## PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WITHIN MARYLAND

<b>Allegany College of Maryland</b>	<b>Morgan State University (50% 8 shs)</b>
<b>Anne Arundel Community College</b>	<b>Montgomery College</b>
<b>Baltimore City Community College</b>	<b>Prince George's Community College</b>
<b>Bowie State University (50% 6 shs)</b>	<b>Saint Mary's College</b>
<b>Capitol College</b>	<b>Salisbury State University (50% 6 shs)</b>
<b>Carroll Community College</b>	<b>Towson University (50% 6 shs)</b>
<b>Cecil Community College</b>	<b>University of Baltimore</b>
<b>Chesapeake Community College</b>	<b>University of MD at Baltimore (25% 6 shs)</b>
<b>College of Southern Maryland</b>	<b>University of MD Baltimore County (50% 6 shs)</b>
<b>Community College of Baltimore County</b>	<b>University of MD Biotech Inst (50% 6 shs)</b>
<b>Coppin State University</b>	<b>University of MD College Park (50% 6 shs)</b>
<b>Frederick Community College</b>	<b>University of MD Eastern Shore (50% 6 shs)</b>
<b>Frostburg State University (50% 6 shs)</b>	<b>University of MD University College</b>
<b>Garrett Community College</b>	<b>Stevenson University (15%)</b>
<b>Hagerstown Community College</b>	<b>Washington College</b>
<b>Harford Community College</b>	<b>Wor-Wic Community College</b>
<b>Howard Community College</b>	
<b>Loyola University Maryland</b>	

Shs - Semester hours  
Note: All schools 50 percent off tuition unless otherwise noted.



Spc. Damon Boyd receives his graduate certificate from the All-State Career School.





# FREESTATE CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy is a two-phased 17-month intervention program for underemployed, drug-free, “at-risk” high school dropouts from the state of Maryland. The first phase consists of 22 weeks in residency at the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Following graduation from the resident phase, the cadets are mentored for an additional 12 months, during which time they are placed into jobs, continue their education or enter the military. The mission of the Academy is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of at-risk youth and to produce graduates with the values, skills, education and self-discipline needed to succeed as adults. Students are brought into a structured and highly disciplined quasi-military academic setting that builds confidence and self-esteem to become productive and contributing members of our society. Cadets attend academic classes to prepare to test for the General Education Development credential and Maryland High School Diploma.

2010 marked the 17th anniversary of the program and was another extremely successful year for the Academy. Two hundred students

graduated this year, and more than 3,000 cadets have graduated since the Academy’s beginning in 1993. Many alumni of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy are responsible and productive citizens who are now contributing to their communities throughout the state of Maryland by employing the values and skills taught to them while at the Academy.

For the second consecutive year, the Maryland National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to six individuals who have significantly contributed to the success of the academy during the past 16 years.

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Silver Wings for Youth Program - a unique and innovative “hands on” and classroom aviation program where the principles and fundamentals of aviation and aerodynamics are taught on four consecutive weekends each class cycle - continues to prosper. The instructors are volunteer pilots from

the Silver Wings Chapter of Maryland. Practical exercises, quizzes and flight simulators are major components of the program. Each cadet participates in an assisted 30-minute flight in a single-



Col. (ret.) Richard Young, director of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy and Col. (ret.) Richard Knauer, Freestate ChalleNGe Academy special projects director accept a check from Mr. Joseph Loidice of the Raytheon Corporation.

engine airplane at the end of the program. At the conclusion of the flight, each cadet is awarded the coveted Silver Wings badge that is proudly worn on the cadet uniform for the remainder of the class cycle. Since its inception in 1996, more than 800 cadets have successfully completed the exacting Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Silver Wings for Youth Program and have enriched their lives with an appreciation for aviation.



Front row: Susan Wierzbicki, Freestate ChalleNGe deputy director and Cadets Hashly Benitez-Lopez, Carissa Gibson, Holly Battle-Ryan, and Brenda Garcia pose with Ms. Sharon Akers of the Edward St. John Foundation after the presentation of a check to the Freestate Challenge Academy Foundation. Back row: Cadets Denzel Morris, Matthew Hyun, Davis Hyun, and D'Angelo Hopkins



## DEMOGRAPHICS



	STATE OF MARYLAND	MD ARMY GUARD	MD AIR GUARD
Caucasian	63.0%	64.5%	73.3%
African American	29.7%	31.4%	19.0%
Native American	0.4%	0.2%	0.8%
Asian	5.2%	1.2%	2.6%
2+Races or other	1.7%	1.8%	4.1%
Hispanic	7.2%	2.1%	2.2%
Male	48.5%	84.1%	82.0%
Female	51.5%	15.8%	17.9%

Source for state of Maryland data: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau Released 2010.



# GUARD EQUIPMENT

## HURON



The C-12J Huron can carry 19 passengers, ten ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations or up to 3,500 pounds of cargo. It carries a crew of two (pilot and co-pilot). The Maximum speed is 284 mph, and the range is 1,450 nautical miles.

## HEMTT



Several types of HEMTT (Heavy Equipment Mobility Tactical Truck) are used to carry cargo and fuel or tow vehicles, trailers and howitzers. Range is 300 miles.

## KIOWA



The OH-58 Kiowa Warrior is an armed-reconnaissance helicopter. It carries a crew of two at a maximum speed of 120 knots and a range of 345 miles.

## BLACK HAWK



The UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter can airlift 11 fully equipped Soldiers and a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and crew chief). Its top speed is 190 knots, its range is 368 miles, and it can carry two 7.62 mm machine guns.

## HERCULES



The C-130J Hercules can carry 92 combat troops, 64 paratroopers, 74 litters, 6 pallets or up to 42,000 pounds of cargo. It carries a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and loadmaster). The maximum speed is 417 mph with an average range of 1,841 miles.

## HUMVEE



The Humvee (High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) is a light vehicle used to carry Soldiers and up to 4,400 pounds of cargo and weapons. Humvees are also used as field ambulances. Maximum highway speed is 65 mph with a range of 350 miles.

## CHINOOK



The CH-47 Chinook helicopter can lift up to 26,000 pounds of weapons or supplies, 33 fully equipped Soldiers or 24 stretchers. It carries a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer). Armament includes machine guns. Maximum speed is 170 knots, and range is 400 miles.

## THUNDERBOLT II



The A-10C Thunderbolt II, also known as the Warthog, is a close air support, airborne forward control aircraft. It carries a 30 mm, seven-barrel Gatling gun and can carry up to 16,000 pounds of mixed ordinance including 500-pound Jt-82 and 2,000-pound Mk-84 series low/high drag bombs, incendiary cluster bombs, combined effects munitions, AGM-65 Maverick missiles and laser-guided/electro-optically guided bombs. It can also carry infrared countermeasure flares, electronic countermeasure chaff, jammer pods, 2.75-inch rockets, illumination flares, AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles and Joint Direct Attack Munition JDAM. It carries a crew of one. The maximum speed of this aircraft is 420 mph with a maximum effective range of 800 miles.





## YEAR IN REVIEW

Spc. Sherie Peeks was honored by the Baltimore County Executive and Fire Chief for her service on February 10, 2010. She assisted Baltimore County Firefighters in saving valuable equipment when a fire broke out at Fire Station #6 in Dundalk.



Staff Sgt. Andre Murnane completes his first parachute jump since losing a leg to an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan in 2009. Murnane became the first National Guardsman to jump from an aircraft with a prosthetic limb.



Maj. Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of Maryland, hosted the Maryland Military Department's Fourth Annual State Employee Recognition Ceremony and the top achievement award was presented to Paul Miller of the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard who received the Adjutant General's Award for Excellence.



Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco displays the Maryland National Guard patch during Military Appreciation Day. The patch was worn by all Ravens players on their practice jerseys throughout the 2010 season.



A member of the Maryland Air National Guard returns from Afghanistan to a cheering crowd at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport Saturday, March 20, 2010. Loud cheers were heard as each of the 148 Airmen exited the international pier at the airport. The Guardsmen spent about three months in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. David Speicher/Released)

Sgt. Troy K. Mitchell of Joint Force Headquarters, Maryland Army National Guard, works to free a Baltimore City Police vehicle from where it was stuck in the snow Sunday. (Photo by Sgt. Jennifer Sardam, 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



## HONORING

## OUR FALLEN



ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2010, THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD HOSTED A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY TO HONOR OUR FALLEN SINCE THE START OF THE CURRENT CONFLICTS.

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